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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2003, Applicants elect the species of embodiment 2 of Figure 3B for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim 18 or 26 is finally held to be allowable.

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